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KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Sd-6 Advisory Committee Meeting

The SD-6 Advisory Committee held its first annual meeting on November 12th, 2013 in Hoxie KS. At this meeting several different issues were discussed including the required agenda instructed by the order covering the following; 1. Water use data, 2. Water table information, 3.

Economic data, 4. The combining of allocations and transfers of allocations, and if these have altered the

geographic distribution of diversions and/or water use within the SD6 LEMA, 5. Possible violations, issues related to violations or metering data

relating to violations. The meeting provided an excellent opportunity for these and other topics to be discussed, giving both the participants and GMD4 staff priceless feedback as to how the first year of the LEMA has gone thus far, as well as clear suggestions that have been

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made for the remaining years. If you would like to learn more about the information

discussed at the meeting, please refer to the back of this document or contact the GMD4 office at (785) 462-3915.

THE RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Limited Irrigated Crop Insurance

RMA representative Shawn Beach will be visiting the Sheridan 6 area late next month in order to hold a public meeting discussing the Limited Irrigated Crop

Insurance that is available to SD-6 LEMA participants. As dates and times are solidified, GMD4 staff will send out additional notices to the SD6 area.

PROTECTING YOUR METER...

GMD4 staff along with the Division of Water Resources office in Stockton are working on developing DWR certifiable methods of backing up your water meter's pumping records. Should your meter fail at any time throughout the year, it is highly recommended to have additional documentation proving secondary proof of how many acre feet a single well has pumped that year. Date stamped photographs, extensive and detailed fuel records, and the use of pressure transducers are only a few of the recommendations. As GMD4 continues to work with DWR in creating these acceptable backup methods, GMD4 staff will do our very best to keep you thoroughly updated.

Advisory Committee Recommendations:

1. It was discussed that additional information and educational material was desired for the Sheridan 6-HPA regarding the availability of umbrella accounts and flexibility options. The decision was made to issue a SD-6 LEMA Ledger/Newsletter in order to address this issue, and to continue the Ledger throughout the duration of the LEMA.

2. The committee urged GMD4 staff and DWR, to create a list of meter backup alternatives that would be acceptable to the Division. Included suggestions were; power company records, photographic evidence with date and time notification, Ag data services, and the use of advanced meters which record this information digitally (if this meter has been approved by DWR). It was suggested that this also be included in the SD-6 LEMA Ledger/Newsletter.

3. The committee expressed the need for a representative from the Risk Management Agency to further explain limited crop irrigation insurance to the SD-6 HPA community. It was hoped that topics could include available options for the 2014 calendar year as well as specifically how enrollment will work. This is to be done in a community meeting environment, allowing for individuals to clarify any questions or concerns they may have. This will also appear in the SD-6 LEMA Ledger/Newsletter.

4. Due to the fact that annual water use reports are not due until March 1st of the following year, no water use data from 2013 was available at the time of the first SD-6 Advisory Committee Meeting on November 12th. Also, the annual observation wells are not measured until late December/early January. For these reasons the committee has urged that a second meeting take place between the months of March and June, and that this meeting requirement be added to the order. At this second SD-6 Advisory Committee Meeting, 2013 water use cards will have been successfully submitted and tabulated. This will provide a much clearer look at the first year of the SD-6 LEMA, and how the use restriction was handled and abided by. At this time the committee will assess any additional suggestions or recommendations for the future years of the five year LEMA.